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Subject: Rulemaking Petition No. 8577

I am writing this letter to voice a very strong objection to the petition submitted by the CTIA to the commission requesting amendment of the commissions rules to allow preemption of state and local regulation of tower siting. If the commission allows this petition it is acting in a manner completely contrary to how a government agency should and is in direct opposition to the best interests of the American people as well as the Constitution of the United States. If anything is needed it is more stringent regulation of tower siting. This is needed for aesthetic reasons , preservation of property values and the guarding of the public health as there has been insufficient research done on long term constant exposure to the type of microwave radiation that will be emitted by these antennas. This becomes very obvious if you take a minute to look at the attached copy of a blueprint submitted to the City of Seattle by U.S. West for erection of such an antenna on the apartment building where I live. I will be sleeping eight feet beneath this antenna every night . U.S. West has destroyed the safety and security of my home and is going to force me to move after living here for seven years. Imagine how you would feel if every night before you went to sleep you looked up at the ceiling and had to wonder if this antenna above your head was having an effect on your body and that of your family members when they lay down to rest at night. Imagine having to think about how long it will take before something will go wrong with your body. Will it be cancer , DNA damage , immune system problems or maybe just a higher degree of irritability. Could you ever really feel safe in your home again and how could you continue to live in such a place and feel that you were taking proper care of your family.

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This is all occurring because even Seattle, progressive city that it is, has not kept up with the emerging technology and has not yet enacted appropriate zoning regulations to address the issues around siting of these antennas. No one in any community in The U.S. has any intention of blocking the entry of this new technology into our cities or rural areas. What the public does ask, demand, is that the entry be done in a responsible way in cooperation with the communities and which properly addresses the very real concerns of the people. What is really needed is more zoning regulations at the local level to address this issue and the last thing in the world that is needed is some form of bureaucratic preemption by the FCC on behalf of the cellular phone industry. Whether the issue is zoning that pertains to antenna siting or regulations creating emission standards the FCC has no business trying to preempt local ordinances.

This attempt at preemption by the cellular phone industry with the cooperation of the FCC is a blatant attack on our communities that is more of a threat and at a lower level of morality than any neighborhood drug dealer, because even in that situation choices are available and actions may be taken. If this preemption is allowed it will open the door for the federal government to attack any and all zoning regulations in all of our communities whenever a wealthy and powerful industry group with an influential lobby sees those regulations as an obstacle to increased profit. Citizens will be without recourse and the development and zoning standards of municipalities throughout the country will become null and void. At a time when there is so much talk in Washington, D.C. about taking back our neighborhoods there is a clear example here of us losing those very neighborhoods to big business. What is most shocking is the FCC and its position of supporting the industries claim to dominion over our homes and communities. This position was made very clear in a Wall Street Journal article that I am enclosing with this letter in which Gina Keeney of the FCC's wireless division is quoted and sounds as if the FCC and the industry are the same organization. I have a real problem with the FCC seeing itself as the champion of the industry while ignoring the needs of its citizens and when the citizens attempt to take some control of their communities having that very same FCC do whatever it can destroy their attempts at self determination by offering the industry preemption on a silver platter.

What is really needed is not public commentary on the issue of preemption, but a congressional hearing on why the FCC and the cellular phone industry make such wonderful bedfellows. If the FCC won't protect the public, then the public needs to defend itself. In fact the public may need to defend itself against the onslaught of the FCC. . It is odd that communities all over the country are finding themselves at such great odds with this industry and that so little has been done by the federal government

to investigate the industry. In my particular situation the abuse by the industry is so very blatant and so threatening to the security of my home, but I am sure that equally heinous applications of this new technology are taking place nationwide and instead of the FCC acting to regulate the inappropriate siting of these antenna they are acting to regulate the rights of the citizens in their attempt to remedy this awful situation.

I am sure that the industry can provide all the scientists that money can buy to attest to the wonders and the safety of this new technology and I am sure the FCC will be more than willing to provide the echo to those voices. I am also sure that the promoters of the information superhighway, whatever their political affiliations may be , will be happy to give their stamp of approval to whatever the industry wants even if it will threaten the well being of their constituents and destroys the fabric of the communities that they claim to represent and give such lip service to. But as sure as I am of all this I am even more sure that someone in the halls of congress will listen to what the people are saying and help to put an end to this unholy alliance between the FCC and the industry and I am going to proceed to find those sympathetic ears and begin to make some changes.

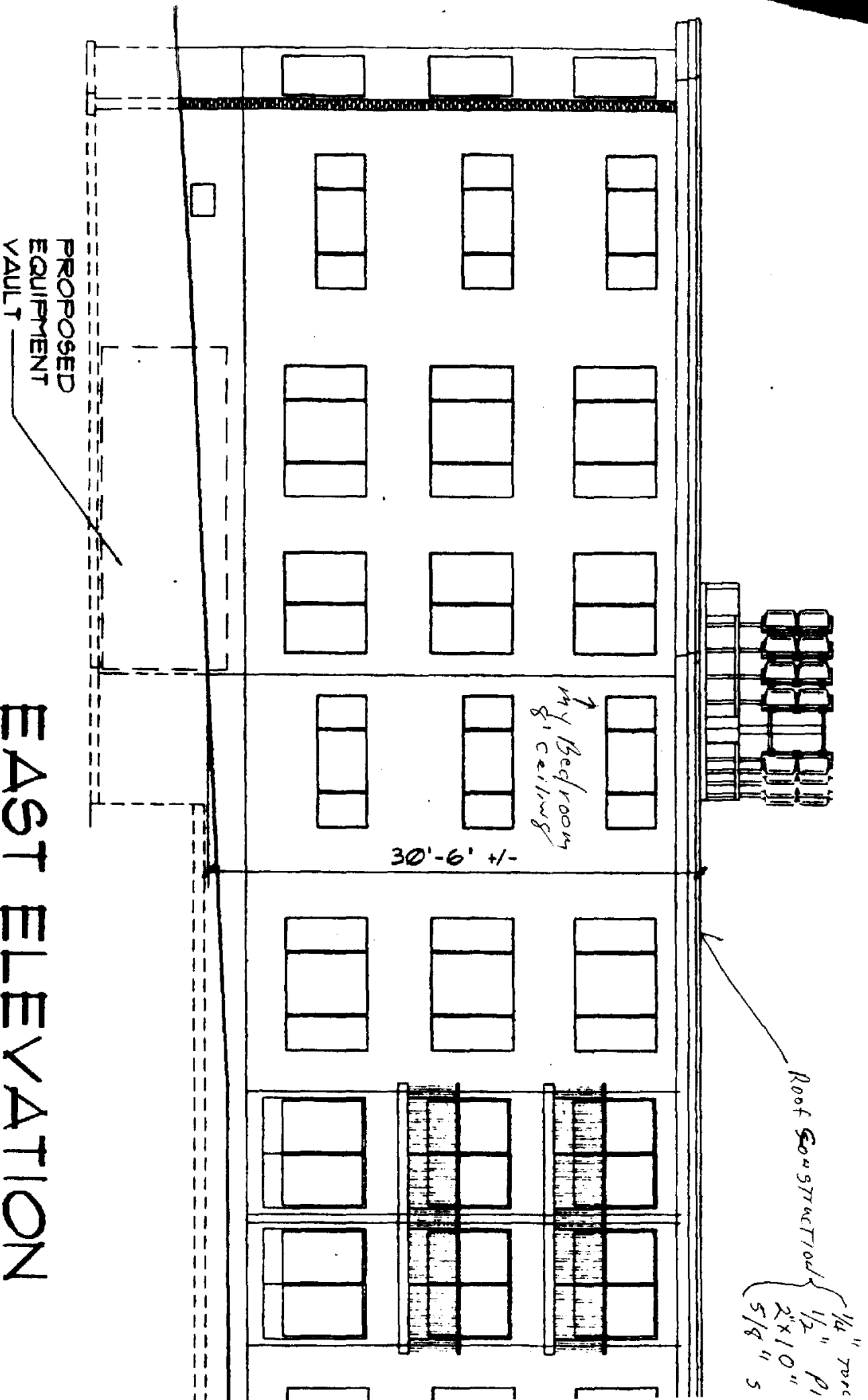
Sincerely,



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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1994

Wireless Industry Asks U.S. to Force Approval Of New Tower Sites

By a WALL STREET JOURNAL Staff Reporter

WASHINGTON — The federal government, which is auctioning licenses for wireless-communication systems, is being asked to force local officials to approve towers to deliver the new services.

A trade group for the wireless industry asked the Federal Communications Commission to pre-empt state and local regulations that could prevent the towers from being built. The group, the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, cited recent legislation that prohibits state and local governments from regulating entry into mobile-telecommunications services.

The so-called personal communications services are variations on cellular-telephone service. So far, in 13 days of auctions, the government has received bids totaling \$1.66 billion for licenses to establish the new systems. FCC Chairman Reed Hundt yesterday said that represents "the highest auction of public property in world history."

PCS, by the industry's own estimates, could require as many as 100,000 tower sites by 2000, compared with 15,000 sites for cellular phone service.

Still, Gina Keeney, who heads the FCC's wireless division, said the agency may need new legislation to override local authorities. "It would give us a stronger case," she said.